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No. 738. Continuation of telegram no. 736 [1].

7. The fuel problem: [1] The sailing distance of [B% 23]00 miles is feasible in case of [1 group unidentified]. Under adverse conditions we shall press in [C% the march] [a].

2. The fuel supply is practically enough for 5[D% 1/2] days, i.e., about [B% 16]50 miles, which assures passage to ICELAND but is not enough from ICELAND to MURMANSK according to the route proposed by us.

Conclusion, proposal, decision: [1] The ships of the second group now proceeding and the 3rd group, which leaves about 5 October,

[9 groups unrecovered]

carrying [DOVEDENIE] [6 groups unrecovered] necessary measures.

2. Both groups [C% having] to the maximum extent [C% lightened]

[37 groups unrecovered, and 60 groups unrecoverable][11]

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Translator's note:

[a] VDAVIM [C% MARSH]: If correctly recovered, this must be an idiomatic expression, but its meaning is unknown to the present translator.

Comment:

[1] See WASHINGTON-MOSCOW no. 2392.

[11] Continued in, no. 2394.

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